



# CENTRAL OHIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

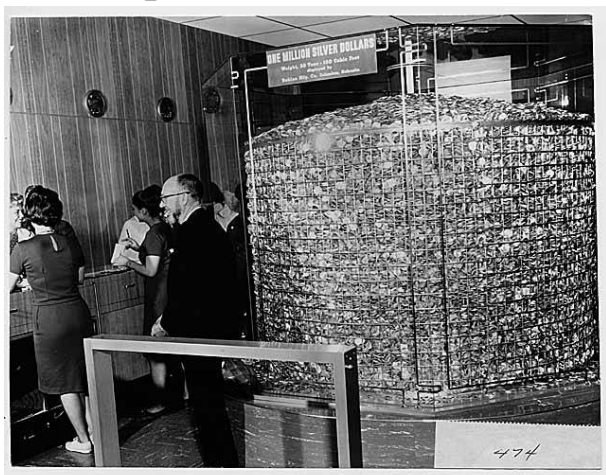


Box 1561, Dublin, OH 43017

## November 2019

**When:** 7 p.m., Nov. 20  
**Where:** Oakstone Academy  
900 Club Dr., Westerville  
**Speaker:** Chris P and Marie G (Seattle)  
**Topics:** 1952 and Seattle

## November presentations



*Seattle silver dollar exhibit*

*November's a two-fer night, with Marie Gibbs' presentation on Seattle and Chris Palmer's on 1952.*

Century 21 Exposition 1962 - Seattle World's Fair. Was held in Seattle Washington. The emphasis on this fair was science, technology, and industry. Main part of my presentation will be the Million Silver Dollar Display along with various medals and tokens. By collecting items from this fair, I am able to combine many of my hobbies. - **Marie**

1952 was a pivotal year around the world. There were many changes - social, economic, political and numismatic. A king died, ushering in the reign of a queen still on the throne today. A Republican was elected president of the United States for the first time since the Great Depression. But more importantly (at least to me) a woman had too much 41st birthday cake, resulting in a birth the next day .. which is United Nations Day. So let me share my collection of coins from 1952. - **Chris**

## October presentation



*Libertas Americana*

Most New Jersey colonial notes were signed by three men of good character and standing. However, collectors especially prize 1776 notes signed by just two people, Bruce S said during a presentation he called *Colonials 101*.

The British confiscated the notes before the third man could sign them and placed them in circulation. Collectors call them "raid" notes and pay a premium for them. Icing on the cake is the fact that one of the two signatures on the raid notes was placed there by John Hart, a signer of the Declaration of Independence.

Here is Bruce's list of the Top 10 Colonials

1. Libertas Americana medal
2. 1709 NY indented bill of credit
3. Brasher doubloon
4. Higley copper
5. Vermont landscape copper
6. Banana-nose contemporary counterfeit copper
7. Fugio cent and 1776 Continental Currency note
8. Pine Tree shilling
9. Spanish milled dollar
10. Wampum

## Holiday banquet

**Where:** Heritage Golf Club, Hilliard

**When:** Wednesday, Dec. 11

**Cost:** \$15 for members, \$40 for nonmembers.

**RSVP:** Lexa at LPetty@eesgroup.us or phone 614-657-2963 by Dec. 1

**Vegetarians:** A special dish can be made available. Contact Lexa for details.

## September winners

**Door prizes:** Stephen Petty, Kevin T and Bruce N

**Raffle:** Bruce S

**50/50:** Jack S

was not present, so the \$73 pot grows.

## Club auction

Send January lots to Steve B columbus.rr.com - by Jan. 7

## Raffle

Hello everyone! It's finally here! The big year end raffle!

November's MAIN prize is TWO .5 gram 999.9 Gold Ingots! Tickets are \$1 each; 6 for \$5; 13 for \$10.

SECONDARY RAFFLE: For every \$5 spent on MAIN RAFFLE, you will receive ONE ticket for a chance to win one of 18 secondary prizes. These will be drawn after the main raffle draw.

This month spend \$5 and try your luck! -- Gary

## Columbus Coin Show

**When:** Nov. 17 - 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Where:** Makoy Center, Hilliard

**Admission:** CONA members get in free

## Speakers

Dec. ... Banquet Dec. 11 at Heritage Golf/Hilliard

Jan. ... Heath M, US Mint FDR medals

Feb. ... Gerry Tebben, Women on U.S. coins

March.... Bill Bierly, In God We Trust

April .. Panel - David Fanning, Tony Cass, John Roberts

## Expanded show and tell

Next May or June, I'd like to do an expanded show and tell as our main presentation - 10 speakers, 5 minutes each, their favorite coin.

This won't require any preparation, just a willingness to share a coin you really like and tell us why it's so special to you.

Bill K is the first person to volunteer for this.

No Green Hat medals for this. If you're interested, please let me know and I'll start a list. -- Gerry

## Hilltop auction

**When:** Nov. 26, (5:30 p.m. lot viewing)

**Where:** Grove City Coin, 2655 Columbus St.

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*Dublin Crowne Plaza is not available this year. Steve Petty, who scouted out the new location, says it's better and cheaper.*

## Osborne Mint tour

Steve Petty is working on setting up a tour of the Osborne Mint in Cincinnati for the spring.

The Osborne Mint, minter of our Green Hat medal, traces its history back to Z. Bisbee's establishment of a private mint in Cincinnati in 1835.

In 1860, when Illinois Sen. Abraham Lincoln decided to run for president, the company provided him with inexpensive campaign tokens to give away during his campaigns in both 1860 and 1864. Both sets of dies are still in the company's vault today.

## Seated Dollar set

Steve Petty, who has been working on and upgrading his Seated Dollar set for 20 years, said he recently completed the set with the purchase of an 1869 CAC MS-64+ coin.

I once saw Steve and former ANA President Bob Campbell discuss who had the rarer coin. Steve owns one of nine known 1870-S dollars. Bob owns an 1804 dollar. There are eight Class I, six Class II and one Class III 1804 dollars.

Which do you think is rarer?

[The Deseret News - Jan 15, 1901](#) [Browse this newspaper »](#)

### Counterfeiter's Den Raided.

Chicago, Jan. 15. -Detectives raided a counterfeiter's den at No. 348 West Lake street at midnight last night, captured J. P. McGarry, the supposed leader of the band, and secured three bags of spurious coin, with a complete outfit for manufacturing it.

For six months the federal authorities and the police have been searching for the gang, which has been operating extensively throughout the city. Thousands of dollars in counterfeit half dollars, quarters and dimes have been passed.



# “The Wishing Well”

by Dan Rich

As some of you know, I’m a morning walker on most days. When the weather won’t cooperate, I make the short drive over to Worthington Mall to do my laps. For those familiar with the mall, there’s a fountain at the center that serves as a wishing well.

I made a deal with Kenny the maintenance man to buy the “numismatic” contents of the fountain in exchange for a donation to Children’s Hospital. That did not include the U.S. cents which after a lengthy dunk in the cold, clear, unfiltered fountain water are largely unrecognizable. (The Worthington Choir will get to deal with those.)

So what, might you ask, are the “numismatic” contents of this wishing well?

Here’s a picture:

The first group is \$1.40 Canadian

The 2nd group is \$5.40 Euros

That’s the exchangeable “worth the trouble” part.



Then there’s a group of tokens including Chucky Cheese, Magic Mountain, Alcoholic’s Anonymous, etc.

And then the rest of the world coins: Great Britain, Swiss, Mexico, Turkey, France, Netherlands, The Emirates, Poland, China, Japan, Belgium, etc.

Last but not least, 8 pieces from Kenya totaling 100 Shillings. They exchange today for .49 cents.

How does this stuff get to the fountain?

I found this all to be an interesting modern day social experiment. I made sure Children’s Hospital made out much better than I did but enjoyed this little adventure nonetheless.

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## Bill Bierly’s In God We Trust book

*CONA member William Bierly’s 352-page hardcover book In God We Trust: The American Civil War, Money, Banking, and Religion is being released this month.*

by Q. David Bowers

The national motto “In God We Trust” is familiar to all of us. Look in your pocket change or wallet and you will find it on every United States coin and paper bill. Before reading the manuscript to Bierly’s book I thought I knew all about the subject.

Some years ago I wrote an article, “God in Your Pocket,” for my local Presbyterian Church, telling of the motto’s use on coins. I knew it appeared on pattern coins in 1863 and in 1864 made its first appearance on a circulating coin, the bronze two-cent piece, a new denomination introduced that year. I had the obscure knowledge that “In God We Trust” is the motto of the State of Florida and was used on certain National Bank notes issued in that state in the second half of the nineteenth century. I also knew that the \$5 Silver Certificates of the Series of 1886 illustrate the reverse of a Morgan silver dollar of that year, with the motto as part of the design.

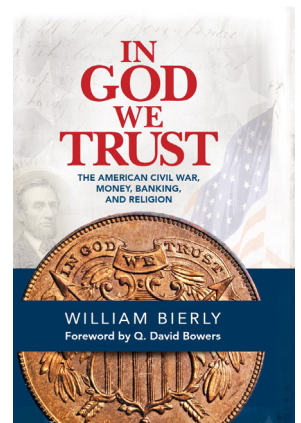
But what I didn’t know were 101 other details—make that many more than 101 different details—as to how the motto came to be, how it was used over the years, and the wide cast of characters in the Treasury Department and elsewhere who participated in its use on money.

All too often, books, newspaper columns, and magazine articles about popular subjects lack many details. For Whitman

Publishing I wrote a volume on President Ronald Reagan, and I read every book and important study I could find. There were very few details about his personal day-to-day life. Not to worry about the historical personalities involved with “In God We Trust.” While you might not learn the names of the protagonists’ pet cats or their favorite dime novels, there is not much else missing in Bierly’s excellent narrative. Dozens of cast members play cameo roles and small walk-on parts.

It is probably correct to say that no other researcher could add to Bill Bierly’s efforts! He collaborated with professional numismatists, leaving no stone (or coin) unturned in the creation of this book. Commonly believed myths and misunderstandings he examined, debunked, and corrected. Hundreds of historical images were collected, many of which have never been published in a numismatic reference, to which have been added beautiful photographs of rare coins, patterns, tokens, medals, and paper currency, including close-ups of important characteristics. All of this required a lot of work, creativity, and careful attention to detail.

Further on the subject of detail: I enjoy learning about and digging deeply into previously unexplored subjects. I have written books on the Waterford Water Cure (a health spa in Waterford, Maine, that counterstamped coins as advertisements), The



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## Mark and Rachael wed



\*The photo is courtesy of Alex Powers Photography\*

***Mark B and Rachael W were married Saturday November 2nd, 2019, at beautiful Roscoe Village in front of God and close friends and family. They had a small honeymoon afterward near Cuyahoga National Park. They couldn't be happier!***

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Strange Career of Dr. G.G. Wilkins (about a countertamper who was a dentist, also operated a restaurant with a caged bear in front, and was suspected of passing counterfeit money and also burning down a neighbor's barn), and, for good measure, books about Alexandre Vattemare (a French numismatist who visited America and became important to the development of libraries here) and Augustus G. Heaton (the teenaged coin dealer who founded the American Numismatic Society in 1858).

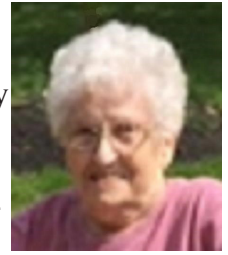
Each of these books was popular in its time, despite their obviously obscure subjects. Readers find satisfaction in a well-told story that brings new depth and insight.

That is precisely what we get with *In God We Trust*, debuting this holiday season. Anyone with a combined interest in American history and numismatics will find a new world of important information, fascinating details, and previously unconnected relationships.

## Helen Jane Townsend has died

***Many of you will remember Helen who used to set up with her husband, Kenny, at numerous local and regional shows until Kenny's death in 2014.***

TOWNSEND, Helen Jane 87 of Beavercreek, passed away Monday, Oct. 14 at her home with her family by her side. Helen was born in 1932 to William and Bertha Porter in Evansville, Indiana where she met and married Kenneth and began a family.



In 1965 she and her young family moved to Beavercreek where she has since resided. She was a devoted and loving mother and together with her husband worked hard to provide opportunities for each of their children to lead fulfilling lives and to in-turn pass these values on to the next generations. She was proud of her family and very much enjoyed spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-Grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her loving husband of 60 years, Kenneth, 1 grandchild, Kyle Townsend and 4 great-grandchildren. She is survived by her children Eric Townsend & his wife Daun of Centerville, Becky Naylor of Beavercreek, Kirk Townsend of Burlington Vermont, Kristy Ferguson & her husband Kenny of Beavercreek, Sandy Riley & her husband Kevin of Beavercreek, 17 Grandchildren and 25 Great-Grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the American Heart Association in her memory.

The motto "In God We Trust" is hardly history alone. It is so much more, and it means different things to different people. Today there are vocal critics who feel that it has no place on coins or paper currency. For that matter, some believe that God has no place in public (and in some cases, private) life. On the other hand, many more people do indeed believe in the Supreme Being. Sometimes it just seems the naysayers get all of the publicity.

Bill Bierly's *In God We Trust* approaches the subject respectfully on all sides, with color, personality, dashes of humor, and dogged pursuit of the truth. He has given us a smorgasbord: there is a lot to choose from. If you are a collector and strictly so, with no interest in the million points where numismatics touches American history, you can simply immerse yourself in the coins, paper money, tokens, and medals. If you are like me, however, and enjoy every historical highway and byway connected to American money, you will read and find pleasure in the entire book from start to finish.





## *A Numismatic Noel*

*Wednesday, December 11, 2019*

*Heritage Golf Club*

*3525 Heritage Club Drive*

*Hilliard, OH 43026*

*Cash Bar will open at 6:00 with an International Cheese & Fruit Display and the Buffet Dinner will begin at 7:00 p.m.*

***SALAD:*** *House Salad with Assorted Dressings  
Pear & Walnut Salad*

***MAIN DISH:*** *(1) Sliced Soy-Ginger Marinated Flank Steak with Asian Demi-Gloss, (2) Chicken Picatta with Lemon Butter Sauce, Capers, & Tomatoes, and (3) Panko Tarragon Crusted Scottish Salmon with Red Wine Demi-Glace*

***SIDES:*** *Twice Baked Potatoes, Broccoli with Hollandaise, and an Assortment of Freshly Baked Rolls with Butter*

***DESSERT:*** *Vanilla Crème Brûlée with Fresh Berries & Chocolate Lava Cake with Crème Anglaise*

***REFRESHMENTS:***

*Freshly Brewed Coffee and Decaffeinated Coffee, Assorted Hot Teas, Brewed Iced Tea, and Lemonade*

*\$15.00 Members — \$40.00 Non-members*

***Please RSVP by December 1, 2019:*** *Lexa Petty by cell phone: (614) 657-2963, work: (754) 220-8844, by e-mail: LPetty@eesgroup.us, or sign up at the meetings!*

***NOTE:*** *If you are a Vegetarian, a special dish can be made for you. Please contact Lexa for further information.*





## Directions from I-270 & Cemetery Rd

E. on Cemetery Rd

1.6 miles

At the traffic circle, take the 3rd exit - Main St.

S. on Main St.

1/4 to 1/2 miles

E on Heritage Club N or S (both work)

1/4 mile

E. into Heritage Club driveway

